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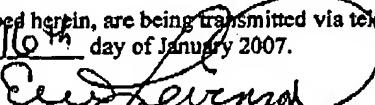
Docket No.: 10386US01 (J201.179.101)

Title: TAPE REEL ASSEMBLY WITH STIFF WINDING SURFACE FOR A TAPE
DRIVE SYSTEM

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.8:**

The undersigned hereby certifies that this paper or papers, as described herein, are being transmitted via telefacsimile to the Commissioner for Patents, at Fax No. (571) 273-8300 on this 10th day of January 2007.

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Dear Sir:

This Amendment and Response is in reply to the Non-Final Office Action mailed October 17, 2006. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: